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THEFT AND CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE ARREST

The Austin Police Department Financial Crimes unit has charged Daniel Stuart Smith (DOB 10-4-62) with numerous cases of credit card abuse in both Travis and Williamson Counties.

Smith was identified on surveillance video in numerous cases using credit cards taken from purses that were stolen from various locations including: Dell Children's Hospital, Austin Regional Clinic, The Echelon Building, and other offices. The suspects entered unlocked doors and stole purses from employees and then used the stolen credit cards to charge several thousands of dollars.

These cases began when an employee of Dell Children's Hospital reported that her purse was stolen from her desk at work and her credit cards were used at several nearby stores. A detective began investigating this case and subsequently identified Smith in other cases that originated from purse thefts.

Additional charges are pending against Smith and other possible suspects.

This case remains under investigation by the APD Financial Crimes Unit. If anyone has any information regarding these incidents call the Financial Crimes Unit at 512-974-5290.

Media Advisory: A booking photo of Smith is attached.

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